



White Deer Park and Nature Center Educational Programs

There are three basic options for educational programs at White Deer Park:

1. General group visit: no fee

- Teachers prepare their own programs or enlist services of an educator (not employed by the Town of Garner) to present the program. No staff services are included with this option; however, we would appreciate notice of your visit. (See attached 'Group Outing Tips') If you are planning to use a shelter you will need to reserve it. This can be done online at www.garnernc.gov or in person at one of our staffed facilities. The shelter reservation fee is \$20 per hour/2 hour minimum.

2. Educational Program led by WDP Staff: \$25 per program*

- An educational program is presented to your group by WDP staff. This option requires advance reservation and payment. Available programs are listed on attached 'Current Programs' page.
- Programs may be scheduled up to 6 months in advance, but no less than 3 weeks in advance. Payment for programs is expected within 2 weeks of booking your program. Failure to pay for your program will result in forfeiture of requested date.
- Educational programs are developed to correlate with curriculum needs. Please speak directly with park staff to ensure your program will meet your specific needs.
- Each educational program* is designed for groups of 20 or less. Larger groups may be required to split into separate groups and pay an additional program fee.
- Each group is required to have one teacher (or adult chaperone) per 5 children. Teachers and adult chaperones are expected to participate and assist with student discipline as needed in each program.
- Use of the classroom in the Nature Center is limited to the time of the program and cannot be used by groups as a general meeting area outside of the scheduled program time.

3. Educational Program led by WDP Staff & Picnic Shelter Reservation: \$55 per visit* In addition to all items established in option 2:

- Groups will receive a 2 hour picnic shelter reservation. Shelter reservations will be assigned according to availability. We will honor shelter requests as scheduling allows. Each shelter will accommodate approximately 50 people.
- Each visit* includes one program. Additional educational programs will be charged at the standard rate of \$25 per program.

How to Request an Educational Program:

- Please call us to discuss the date of your visit. Your visit can be scheduled up to 6 months in advance but no less than 3 weeks in advance.
- Once you set a date for your program you will receive a Registration Packet which includes guidelines and registration information. Please fill out the Group Program Registration Form and return it to White Deer Park Nature Center along with a check for the appropriate fee within 2 weeks of making your reservation. You will receive a receipt as confirmation of your registration.

Frequently asked questions:

Q: What day of the week is best for a program?

A: We offer programming Tuesday through Friday from 9:00-4:00pm. We cannot anticipate how busy the park will be during the time of your program; however, we can assure you that our staff will be prepared for your group and will work to ensure you have a wonderful visit.

Q: What type of programs do you have? Can we request another program?

We have several programs available for groups. Please review the attached 'Current Programs' sheet for more information. In most cases we can work with you to provide a program for your particular needs if given ample notice. Special requests may incur additional program fees. Please discuss this option with a staff member.

Q: What about the weather? What is your weather policy?

A: We will have programs rain or shine! If the weather prohibits us from being outside, we will utilize our indoor classroom for your program. In case of school delays, early releases or closings due to weather, we will work with you to reschedule your visit.

Q: What if I need to cancel a program? Can I get a refund?

A: Cancellations must be made at least 30 days prior to the program in order to receive a full refund. Any cancellation received less than a month before program will result in forfeiture of entire fee. We will work with groups to reschedule programs if at all possible to avoid forfeiture of fees.

Q: What do we need to bring for our program?

A: We suggest students each wear a nametag, wear closed-toe shoes, apply sun block or insect repellent (if desired), and wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

Q: Do you have a place to store our lunches? Do you have snack and drink machines?

A: We do not have a location to store your lunches, snacks and beverages. We suggest you bring any food items in coolers and leave them in your vehicles until needed. White Deer Park does not have any vending area for snacks or beverages. We do have water fountains located around the park.

**Still have questions? Please call us at 919.661.6982 or email
WDPeducation@garnernc.gov**